



Wisconsin Elections Commission

Best Practices from the Spring Elections

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Ballot Access Procedures



- ▶ Nomination Paper Review Guidance:
<https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/guidance>
- ▶ Determining Sufficiency of Nomination Papers
 - Nomination Paper Review Guide
 - Nomination Paper Review Training Video



Ballot Access Procedures



Training

- ▶ Election Official Training Resources
- ▶ Baseline Chief Inspector Training
- ▶ 2020-2021 EA Webinar Schedule
- ▶ Election Administration Manual

Training

Accessibility



- ▶ If lines are expected, place chairs along the path.
- ▶ Accessible voting equipment must be set up and turned on with headphone and tactile devices. Sanitize these items regularly following the manufacturers instructions.
- ▶ Voters with disabilities are exempt from signing the polling book. Other voters must still sign the poll book.
- ▶ Voters who cannot state their name and address can have an assistant state it for them. Poll workers can be their assistant.

Accessibility

Curbside Voting



- ▶ Voters who are unable to enter the polling place because of a disability are entitled to curbside vote.
- ▶ There should be a procedure for voters to access curbside voting.
 - Signage – “Honk for Curbside Voting” or “Call Phone # for Assistance”
 - Having a greeter stationed in the parking lot outside looking for voters needing assistance
- ▶ If having 2 inspectors leave the polling place results in less than 3 inspectors remaining in the polling place, voting must pause until the inspectors return.

Curbside Voting

Absentee Ballots



- ▶ Rejecting Absentee Ballots
- ▶ Date on Absentee Certificate Envelope
- ▶ Witness Address
- ▶ Return Postage
- ▶ Missing Clerk Initials on Ballot

Absentee Ballots

Third Party Voter Mailings

- ▶ Voter registration and absentee ballot request mailings are going to be common this year
- ▶ Complete registration applications and ballot requests should be honored if required information and supporting documentation has been provided.
- ▶ Voters who are required to provide proof of residence or photo ID, but do not should be contacted regarding their missing information. Registration forms should not be entered and ballot requests should not be honored until all required information has been provided.
 - Missing photo ID letter (EL-127)

Third Party Voter Mailings

Indefinitely Confined Voters

- ▶ Many municipalities saw an increase in voters identifying as indefinitely confined for the April election.
- ▶ Voters may have been temporarily confined due to COVID-19 related issues and may no longer be considered indefinitely confined.
- ▶ WEC will be providing a template letter, voter list and mail merge instructions to contact these voters for confirmation they still qualify for that status.

Indefinitely Confined Voters

MyVote Wisconsin Website

- ▶ There are two types of absentee requests that can currently be made through MyVote:
 - **Photo ID on file or not needed:** Requests made by these voters will have a record created in WisVote and you will receive an email with the request details.
 - **Photo ID not on file:** You will receive an email with the request form and copy of photo ID attached. No records are created in WisVote for these requests and they need to be entered into the system.
- ▶ WEC is working on updates to both the voter and clerk processes regarding MyVote absentee requests ahead of the fall elections.

MyVote Wisconsin Website

Reminders!

- ▶ June 25 is the deadline for clerks to send military and permanently overseas absentee voters a ballot for the August 11 Primary
- ▶ The retention schedule is in the EA manual, an updated version will be posted soon!
- ▶ Photo IDs uploaded to MyVote Wisconsin are transmitted to WisVote; clerks do not need to print the notifications.

Reminders!



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Thank You!